

Application No.: 10/068,276

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REMARKS

The Advisory Action dated December 29, 2003 rejected entrance of the proposed amendments made after the Final Office Action because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. In response thereto, Applicants respectively request continued examination of the present application in consideration of the above Amendments.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1 and 29 are amended, and claims 40-53 are added. Claims 1 and 29 are amended to further define the scope of the invention by providing that one or more solder balls are electrically connected to the second metallic layer such that portions of the second metallic layer are circularly embedded in the solder balls. Such a feature is disclosed originally in Figs. 2G, 2H and 3 of the drawings. Support of all elements in the newly added claims 40-53 can be found in, for example, the original claims 1-13 and 29-39; the specification, in paragraphs [0015] to [0018]; and Figs. 2A-2G of the drawings. Hence, claims 1-13 and 29-53 are pending in the present application with claims 1, 29, 40 and 53 being the independent claims.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter. The above claims 1-13 and 29-53 are submitted to be patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favourable consideration of the application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

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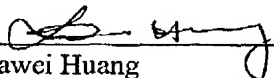
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-identified patent application. It is believed that the pending claims 1-13 and 29-53 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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